Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Probably his case is not recommended by the Head of the Department.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Is it not a hard case ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* When a proper recommendation comes, the question will be considered.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* My submission is that the salary of the copyists in the Judicial Department is very unsatisfactory.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It is a question of principle and does not arise here.

STAFF SELECTION BOARD—CANDIDATE APPOINTED IN ONE VACANCY CONTINUING IN ANOTHER VACANCY

55. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state whether there is a rule that candidates appointed by the Staff Selection Board should not be allowed, after the expiry of the term of that particular vacancy, to continue in another vacancy unless again appointed by them ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether this rule has been departed from in any particular instance ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* It is now rigidly observed.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether in the case of one Ramakrishnan Embranthiri this rule has been departed from ?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Not after this. The case of Ramakrishnan Embranthiri is a different one. He was asking for promotion from the Press to the Huzur Secretariat.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* There has been a case where a man has been appointed for a particular post. But he was allowed to act in some other vacancy in another department. What is stated here is that there is a rule that candidates appointed by the Staff Selection Board should not be allowed, after the expiry of the term of that particular vacancy, to continue in another vacancy unless again appointed by them. In the case of this Embranthiri he was appointed to officiate in a temporary arrangement in the Huzur Secretariat. While he was officiating he was confirmed as an attender in the

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Press and was allowed to continue in another vacancy in the Secretariat. That appears to be a violation of the rule just now set forth by the Hon'ble Secretary to Government. I do not wish to create a disturbance here. I only want that if there is a rule, that must be rigidly adhered to.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government :* I can give you the assurance that as far as possible the rules will be strictly adhered to.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* That "as far as possible" amounts to some suspicion. The rules should be strictly adhered to.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Has the Secretary to Government anything to say with regard to this particular instance pointed out?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* This requires some explanation. The hon'ble member has put another question on this same thing. I will be answering the same, when the time comes.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know when this rule was adopted by Government?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* This rule was observed not only in the case of Ramakrishnan Embran, but in every other case. Formerly when an individual is appointed in a vacancy and when another vacancy in the same department arises, sometimes in the exigencies of service the Head of the Department used to transfer him to that vacancy and then report to the Staff Selection Board. Now that the Staff Selection Board is meeting every Wednesday the rule is being rigidly observed and except in that same officiating arrangement he could not continue. Now no Head of a Department is allowed to post a man to any other post than the one to which he is appointed by the Board. This rule applies also to the Secretariat.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Is there not a rule that sufficient notice should be given to the Staff Selection Board of the vacancies arising?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Now there is no difficulty. We are meeting every Wednesday.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Was there not such a rule before?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* When the vacancies are for a short period of 15 days it may happen that the Board would not meet.

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Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Should not early notice be given?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* You may assume that notice is given on the date the vacancy arose. But the vacancy may be only for 15 days. And within this short period, the Board will not be meeting.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is quite possible that a person may be taken to sudden illness. Things like that happen.

ANCHAL SERVICE—TRICHUR—IRINJALAKKUDA—PULLOOT LINE—ENTRUSTMENT OF

56. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will Government be pleased to state to whom the anchal service from Trichur to Irinjalakkuda and Pulloot is entrusted from 1117?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* The contract for the conveyance of anchal mails on Trichur—Irinjalakkuda—Pulloot line is entrusted with Messrs. T. B. T. Ltd., for three years from 1st Chingam 1117.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether this T.B.T. Motor Service was plying between Irinjalakkuda and Trichur for a number of years?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether there are not other buses which are carrying mails from Trichur to Irinjalakkuda?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know there has been any dereliction of duty so far as those bus people are concerned, so that it may be given to a foreign concern?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Except for the usual dereliction, there was no specific dereliction of duty on their part.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, what was the reason for the change?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* The other tenders were not acceptable.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether tenders were called for and submitted on one specific date?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Tenders were called for and received on a particular day, and they were looked into the same day.

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